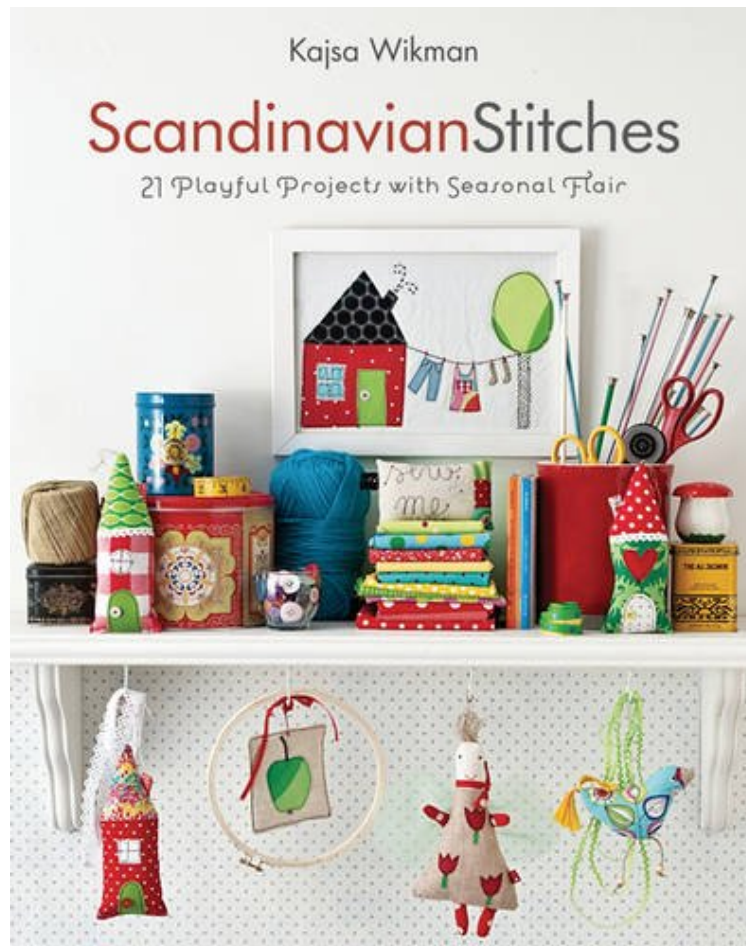


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30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful projects, beautiful bookBy AstridFirstly, this is a lovely book to look through -- filled with sweet illustrations and gorgeous photographs of the projects in use, in addition to the clear diagrams and instructions for making them. Each page is colourful and inviting, and clearly the book has been very thoughtfully and lovingly put together. The book is broken into five sections: the four seasons, and a special section just for Christmas. This works really well.The projects themselves are also a joy. Some artists find one thing they are good at and never venture any further, but Kajsa has a whole range of skills up her sleeve. You'll find quilting, applique, and all the little stuffed friends you could hope for. Though probably most famous for her wonderful multi-coloured birds, Kajsa also proves she can design great houses, angels, fish, and those special little tomte (Christmas elves) who are lined up by my sewing machine right now. Her take on a baby quilt was beautiful and unusual... no

chicks or bunnies here, but a little fox that would be the pride of any nursery. There are definitely things for a beginning sewer to make, such as the stuffed houses and birds, but her quilted baskets would definitely inspire a more experienced sewer, too. Really, a pleasure to read. Twenty-one projects, and I plan to make them all. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bright, Colorful and Adorable Things to Sew By Pope Mell ordered this sight-unseen after seeing only the cover. And, it's WONDERFUL! There are loads of SEWING projects here; all of them could be adapted for your particular skill level. Wikman serves up a nice range of projects, ranging from ornaments that could be completed in less than an hour to more complicated wall hangings and quilts. There are goodies offered for each season of the year, plus a special section for the yuletide. There is so much I want to make out of this book. Wikman's designs could easily be adapted into almost anything you can imagine. Example - the angel ornament on the cover could be modified for any season or occasion. Bonus - the adorable fox pattern featured on the baby quilt is worth the price of admission alone. Well, gotta go work on that fish pillow! These things don't sew themselves . . . unfortunately. 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Just great By MO2Ok, I have to admit I hate buying books that I have never laid my eyes on or touched, but I braved it and ordered this book based on the cover. While some of the projects are a tad redundant, I love the lay-out and find it absolutely inspirational. There is a range of skill level represented and anyone can pick this book up and start creating. Beautiful lay-out and neat projects. I think anyone would enjoy it. Ok, off to peruse it a little longer.

The first flowers of spring, the smell of the sea, the warm colors of the maple leaves... inspire Kajsa to stitch, sew, and share. Each season is a new beginning and a great excuse to take on a new project. Her bright, colorful designs are sure to make you smile.

I recently had the chance to review a pre-publication copy of *Scandinavian Stitches* by Kajsa Wikman. Kajsa's book covers 21 projects with a seasonal flair. The photography in the book is one of the first thing that caught my attention, because not only does she capture the finished product but she took the extra effort to create beautiful settings to display them in. All the projects include simple step by step instructions and most of them require 10 steps or less to complete. Anyone of any skill level should be able to walk away from this book having learned something new. Beginners are not likely to be intimidated by overly complex projects. It's a wonder that Kajsa has the time to produce such a beautiful guide as she is also an artist, blogger, and antiquer. She has previously contributed to three other crafty publications, this book is her first solo project. Hats off to her photographer Sanna Peurakoski whose excellent photography really adds to the quality of presentation. I chose the Ruska Quilt to recreate, it scales down perfectly for a miniature quilt (I made my version of the quilt at about 12 inches square), and found the instructions easy to follow and completed it in less than an hour. If you are looking for a book on stitchy craft projects, this is certainly the one to pick up. Within the pages of the book you'll find projects for a baby quilt, pillows, ornaments, a quilted bowl, mini art quilt, an adorable fish themed quilt, wall hangings, coasters, a darling fairy angel doll, and more. (10/30/10) I've been following Kasja Wikman's blog, Syko, for some time. Her sewing work is full of creative charm and whimsy. Her book, *Scandinavian Stitches* from Stash Books is a delight. This book is full of charming projects inspired by the dramatic seasonal changes in her native Finland. I happen to love the dramatic seasonal changes here in my part of midwest USA, so her inspiration does really speak to me. Spring and summer projects include Easter bird ornaments, a bird mini art quilt, a gardening angel, a silakka fish pillow, and more. Most of her design elements are top stitched applique cutouts. You'll need to have a colorful selection of fabrics and some fusible webbing to make them. She irons down cut-out fusible backed fabric pieces and then top stitches them with high contrasting dark thread. Although I have often used fusible applique, I have never tried straight stitching the edges in this way. I could not wait to try to make the Autumn Tree Linen Scarf, even though we were already experiencing the waning days of autumn when I received this book. I ironed on the fusible web to the back of a selection of scrap fabrics. As directed in the book, I made a chalk outline of a tree and arranged my leaves on each branch. Ironing them down onto the black linen was super easy, but now I have to get my courage up and do that straight stitching with a bright green thread. I took a deep breath and just got started. I did not use the free motion foot on my sewing machine. I machine stitched with my regular foot and a regular sewing needle. Kasja's tree is done with one simple line, but when I stitched it, my single line was quite uneven in places. I did get more confident as I went, but I decided to add an extra line of stitches and I like the result. With projects like this, you have to embrace the wonkiness. It is part of the charm. I finished this scarf in one evening and I totally love it! Susie Ziegler, CraftCritique.com (1/7/11) We've been seeing this trend growing quietly on the blogosphere for the last couple years, and apparently we aren't the only ones paying attention. The editors at CT Publishing hit up hot new designer and eloquent blogger, Kajsa, and came out with this small projects book loaded with simple, mod-style sewn things that will just make you happy. When you grow up in a cold Northern climate, where darkness renders daytime night too many weeks of the year, you crave color and joy. Kajsa's simple, childlike projects get you to the heart of what makes life fun...and fast! Scraps of bright prints, solid humble backgrounds and tons of thread sketching cover pincushions, fabric baskets, quilts, pillows, ornaments and toys. You'll be excavating those stick-figure drawings your kids made for you in no time and decorating your own versions of

these projects. *Quilter's Home* (2/1/11) *Scandinavian Stitches: 21 Playful Projects with Seasonal Flair* offers keys to projects ranging from quilts and pillows to ornaments, with easy materials listings and instructions accompanying full-page patterns, color photos, and keys to adding Scandinavian-influenced designs to needlework projects. The result is an excellent addition to needlework libraries looking for ethnic flair. James A. Cox, California Bookwatch (2/1/11) *Stitch your way to Scandinavian style with 18 projects, including home decor and wearable. In Urban Scandinavian Sewing*, author Kirstyn Cogan shares Nordic-inspired handcrafted items and regional recipes and traditions. (*American Patchwork Quilting*, December 2016) *About the Author* Kajsas Wikman is an artist and teacher with a popular blog, syko.typepad.com. Her business, Syko Design, specializes in happy applique designs. Kajsas lives with her family in Helsinki, Finland.